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Mr. Elmer B. Staats
Comptroller General of the United States
General Accounting Office
441 G Street
Washington, D.C. 20548

Dear Mr. Staats:

I have your letter requesting the identity of certain individuals who may be currently employed by the Central Intelligence Agency, which raises the same general subjects covered recently in an exchange of correspondence between Deputy Comptroller General Robert Keller and myself (enclosed).

Section 6 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 states as follows:

"In the interests of the security of the foreign intelligence activities of the United States and in order further to implement the proviso of section 403(d)(3) of this title that the Director of Central Intelligence shall be responsible for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure, the Agency shall be exempted from the provisions of section 654 of Title 5, and the provisions of any other law which require the publication or disclosure of the organization, functions, names, official titles, salaries, or numbers of personnel employed by the Agency: Provided, That in furtherance of this section, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget shall make no reports to the Congress in connection with the Agency under section 947(b) of Title 5."

As stated in the 16 January 1975 letter to Mr. Keller, information of the type requested by your letter has been limited to those committees in the Congress exercising legislative and appropriation oversight of this Agency. Such restraints are an extension of the provision of law quoted above and the provision in the National Security Act of 1947 (section 102(d)(3)) charging the Director of Central Intelligence with the responsibility "for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure."

I should also like to restate, however, that this reply should not be interpreted as a refusal to provide any information to a Senator either directly by this Agency or by a CIA oversight committee.

Sincerely,

/s/ W. E. Colby

W. E. Colby
Director

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

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January 17, 1975

The Honorable William B. Colby
Director, U. S. Central Intelligence Agency

Dear Mr. Colby:

Senator James Abourezk has requested the General Accounting Office to identify all former oil company executives, oil company-affiliated, and oil company-related executives as well as attorneys who themselves or whose law firms represent oil companies, who are now working for the Federal Government. This includes appointed officials, consultants, and career employees above GS-12 level. The Senator believes it is important for both the Congress and the American people to know who these individuals are and the level of responsibility they hold.

Accordingly, we request that your office identify all such individuals who are currently employed by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency and provide the following information on each of these individuals:

1. Name
2. Grade
3. Position
4. Date appointed
5. Current specific duties, including a position description
6. Name of former oil company or affiliate
7. Former position held
8. Dates of employment
9. Specific duties
10. A listing of lump-sum payments or deferred compensation rights received when the individual left his former employment to enter Government service.

I would appreciate your providing the information by February 28, 1975. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

James B. West
Sincerely yours,

Comptroller General
of the United States

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This is the second letter this month to the Comptroller General that Section 6 of the 1949 Act and the extension of congressional guidelines therefrom cuts off GAO access to detailed information on Agency personnel, organization, etc.

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